

Constitution
of
The Society of Saint Ambrose



Adopted January 24th, 1934

CONSTITUTION FOR The Society of Saint Ambrose

PREAMBLE

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We, Lutheran clergymen and laymen, desiring to promote the liturgical devotional life and confessional principles of our Church, unite in the adoption of the Constitution hereunto following:

ARTICLE I. Name and Title

The name and title of this organization shall be "The Society of Saint Ambrose."

ARTICLE II. Object and Purpose

The object and purpose of this Society shall be to encourage and uphold the pure teachings of the Word of God as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church; to study and cultivate pure Lutheran liturgical practices; to foster vital evangelical preaching; to develop a richer devotional life among clergy and laity; and to promote and further a more devout appreciation and frequent use of the blessings of the Sacrament of the altar.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Membership is open to any male communicant of the Evangelical Lutheran Church who is thoroughly sympathetic with the object and purpose of the Society, and whose application for membership has been approved by the Society.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30th. Provision may be made for other meetings.

ARTICLE V. Officers

There shall be a Provost (who shall be the presiding officer and who shall be elected from among the clerical members), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The term of these officers shall be for one year.

ARTICLE VI. Associate Chapters

Associate Chapters of this Society may be organized at any time and place on the basis of this Constitution, and subject to the approval of the Society. The presiding officer of a chapter society shall be called the Dean.

ARTICLE VII.

By-Laws and Amendments

Section 1.—By-Laws, not in conflict with the letter or spirit of this Constitution, may be made by the Society to provide for an order of business, to fix the time and place of elections, to fix details of procedure in the promotion of the interests of the Society along any line which may be chosen, to expand and develop its life and purpose, and in general to provide for the conduct of those matters which are undetermined by the letter of this Constitution.

Section 2.—Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any business meeting; provided, that any such amendments shall have been presented in writing at a previous meeting; and provided further, that Article II shall not be altered or amended.